

of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Thrift Supervision's 2000 compensation plan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7912. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report relative to certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7913. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule of Fees for Consular Services; Finance and Accounting; Passports and Visas", received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-7914. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7915. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its commercial activities inventory; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-7916. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-MPC Addition", received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7917. A communication from the General Counsel, National Science Foundation transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of National Science Foundation Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Regulations and Implementation of Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 1996" (RIN3145-AA31) (RIN3145-AA32), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7918. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Administrative Revisions to the NASA FAR Supplement", received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7919. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material from the Prehistoric Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador" (RIN1515-AC61), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7920. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Melons Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket Number FV00-979-I FR), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7921. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order; Referendum Procedures" (Docket Number FV-99-702-FR), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7922. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pork Promotion and Research" (Docket Number LS-98-007), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7923. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company CF6-80C2; Docket No. 99-NE-24 [2-29-3-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0129), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7924. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A340-211, -212, -213, -311, -312, and -313 Series Airplanes; Correction; Docket No. 99-NM-336 [3-23-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0128), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7925. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas MD-11 Series Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 2000-NM-61 [3-3-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0127), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7926. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Dornier Model 328-111 and -300 Airplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 2000-NM-59 [3-7-3-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0126), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7927. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters; Docket No. 98-SW-64 [3-1-3-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0130), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7928. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Alexander Schleicher Segelflugzeugbau Models ASH 25M and ASH 26E Sailplanes; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-CE-78 [3-1-3-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0131), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7929. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MD Helicopters, Inc., Model MD600N Helicopters; Docket No. 99-SW-54 [3-1-3-6]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0132), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7930. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Big Bear City, CA; Docket No. 99-AWP-26 [3-7-3-6]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0065), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7931. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Anchorage Areas/Anchorage Grounds Regulations; Henderson Harbor, NY (CGD09-99-081)" (RIN2115-AA98) (2000-0003), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7932. A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Administrative Law, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Traffic Separation Scheme in the Approaches to Delaware Bay (CGD97-004)" (RIN2115-AF42) (2000-0001), received March 7, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated.

POM-429. A resolution adopted by the Miami, FL City Commission relative to the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION NO. 100

Whereas, on 1997, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States enacted legislation, known as the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act ("NACARA"), to provide nationals from Nicaragua and certain Central American countries relief from removal and deportation from the United States; and

Whereas, the deadline to submit and complete NACARA applications with supporting documents and motions expired November, 1999; and

Whereas, the City Commission wishes that the same privileges and rights bestowed to Nicaraguan and Central American nationals be extended to Haitian immigrants; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Commission of the city of Miami, Florida:

SECTION 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are hereby adopted by reference thereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this Section.

SECTION 2. The Federal Government is hereby urged to extend the deadline for a period of six months for those individuals eligible to file applications and motions to gain lawful immigration status under the Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act ("NACARA").

SECTION 3. The Federal Government is hereby further urged to enact and implement legislation to extend the same rights and privileges granted under NACARA to Haitian immigrants.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution

to President William J. Clinton, Vice-President Albert Gore, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, Attorney General Janet Reno, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Doris Meissner, Senators Connie Mack and Bob Graham, and all the members of the United States House of Representatives for Miami-Dade County.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.

Passed and adopted this 27th day of January, 2000.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRAMM for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Jay Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. MCCONNELL for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Danny Lee McDonald, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2005. (Reappointment)

Bradley A. Smith, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2005.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2214. A bill to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

S. 2215. A bill to clarify the treatment of nonprofit entities as noncommercial educational or public broadcast stations under the Communications Act of 1934; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2216. A bill to direct the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to require, as a condition of any financial assistance provided by the Agency on a non-emergency basis for a construction project, that products used in the project be produced in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 2217. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Museum of the American Indian of the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 2218. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees and annuitants and members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2219. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for community learning and successful schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 2220. A bill to protect Social Security and provide for repayment of the Federal debt; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 2221. A bill to continue for 2000 the Department of Agriculture program to provide emergency assistance to dairy producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 2222. A bill to provide for the liquidation or reliquidation of certain color television receiver entries to correct an error that was made in connection with the original liquidation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HOLINGS, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2223. A bill to establish a fund for the restoration of ocean and coastal resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2224. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to encourage summer fill and fuel budgeting programs for propane, kerosene, and heating oil; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WARNER:

S. Con. Res. 92. A concurrent resolution applauding the individuals who were instrumental to the program of partnerships for oceanographic and scientific research between the Federal Government and academic institutions during the period beginning before World War II and continuing through the end of the Cold War, supporting efforts by the Office of Naval Research to honor those individuals, and expressing appreciation for the ongoing efforts of the Office of Naval Research; to the Committee on Armed Services.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2214. A bill to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, let me advise you, yesterday at the close of business, the posted price of oil was \$34.13 a barrel. The Dow was down 374 points. The share price of one company, Procter & Gamble, plunged 30 percent as a consequence of their third quarter profits falling off because of the high cost of oil.

We have a crisis in this country. Today, I rise to introduce legislation on behalf of myself and 33 other Members that I believe, and they believe with me, offers the United States its best chance to reduce our dependence on foreign oil; that is, by producing more oil domestically.

We have seen the oil price rise in the last year from roughly \$10 to over \$30 a barrel. That is a pretty dramatic increase. There is an inflation factor associated with this. While we have not really addressed it, it is fair to say that for every \$10 increase in the price of a barrel of oil, there is an inflation factor of about a half of 1 percent. Alan